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What Is Claimed Is:

1. A portable telephone set, comprising:

a read only memory in which program data are stored;

a volatile memory for backing up the program data; and

5 means operable when said portable telephone set is in a mode in which rewriting of said read only memory is allowed for writing part or all of the program data backed up in said volatile memory replaceably into said read only memory.

10 2. A portable telephone set as claimed in claim 1, wherein the program data stored in said read only memory are stored in a program arrangement in accordance with an arrangement of memory blocks of said read only memory and can be rewritten in a unit of a block.